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District 4, George Stevens Files Nomination Papers Statement by City Attorney Casey Gwinn

Our office learned today at 4 p.m., that George Stevens filed nomination papers at the City Clerk's Office for the November 16, 2004 special election to fill the District 4 vacancy. Consistent with our legal opinion issued on September 14, 2004, the City Clerk has accepted those papers and will be informing Mr. Stevens that he is ineligible to run for the vacant office due to term limit provisions in the City Charter. The filing of these papers is a necessary pre-requisite for Mr. Stevens to challenge our legal opinion in Court. We have no knowledge whether he intends to do so or not. This is a complex issue of first impression. We stand by our analysis but respect the right of Mr. Stevens to have a court decide the issue.

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